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Applicant: Yoshinobu MACHIDA et al. Conf.: 1179 #9
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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND
CONTINUOUS MEMBER USED AS PART OF ABSORBENT
ARTICLE

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 19, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 10, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to method of making an absorbent article; and

Group II, claims 5, drawn to long continuous member.

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